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The Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG Calls on People's Army Unit and Congratulates People's Army Officers and Men on 29th Birthday of Heroic Korean People's Army

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung visits a People's Army unit on the 29th birthday of the heroic Korean People's Army and poses for a photograph with its members

Our people and officers and men of the People's Army are celebrating the significant 29th founding anniversary of the heroic Korean People's Army at a time when the entire people are vigorously pushing forward the revolution and construction with a burning desire to promote the cause of national reunification upholding the highly important tasks set forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in his New Year Address for 1977.

On this meaningful day, the 8th of February, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung visited the 384th unit of the KPA and warmly congratulated the People's Army officers and men on their holiday.

That day the soldiers of the unit were all filled with boundless emotion and joy, because they had a great honour of greeting the great leader whom they had always held so dear at heart and so respected.

Seen in the barracks of the unit were a streamer reading "We reverentially wish the great leader good health and a long life" and the militant slogans "Let us defend with our lives the Party Central Committee headed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Let us inherit and carry forward the brilliant revolutionary traditions of our Party established by the great leader!" and "Let us train ourselves, study and live as the anti-Japanese guerrillas did!"

The soldiers who lined up in the entrance to the post were waiting for the glorious moment when they would see the respected and beloved leader.

10 a.m.

The great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung, the founder and guide of the Korean People's Army, arrived at the unit.

At that moment, the stormy cheers "Long live the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" reverberated far and wide over the mountains on the defence line, rocking heaven and earth.

Faces of the soldiers of the unit who were raising the cheers of "*manse!*" (hurrah) again and again were expressive of their boundless honour and happiness to hold in high esteem the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the legendary hero and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, and their deep reverence for and unbounded loyalty to the respected and beloved leader who founded the immortal Juche idea, led our people along the road of victory and glory under the brilliant rays of Juche, liberated the country, founded the heroic Korean People's Army, the direct successor to the anti-Japanese armed struggle, led to victory the righteous Fatherland Liberation War against the invasion of the US imperialists and built in this land a powerful socialist country, independent, self-supporting and self-defensive.

Hearts of soldiers swelled with great pride and honour because they, under the wise guidance of the great leader and his paternal solicitude, brilliantly accomplished the honourable revolutionary duty they had assumed before the fatherland and the people, weathering out revolutionary storms for 29 years since the KPA's foundation and heroically overcoming the hardships of the fierce class struggle and the grim trials of war and because they have grown into an one-beats-a-hundred revolutionary armed force, into a modernized, invincible revolutionary army of cadres and are successfully discharging their mission as an army of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, an army of the glorious Party and an army of the working class.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was met on the spot by Comrades Choe Hyon, O Jin U, Chon Mun Sop, O Baek Ryong and Li Yong Mu, generals and officers of the KPA and the commanding officers of the unit.

Amidst the stormy cheers of "*manse!*" that shook heaven and earth again, man and woman soldiers courteously presented the respected and beloved leader with bouquets of fragrant flowers imbued with the boundless reverence of the soldiers of the unit and the entire officers and men of the People's Army.

The great leader, his face beaming with a tender smile, responded to the thunderous cheers of the soldiers.

The soldiers of the unit remained boundlessly loyal to the Party and the revolution, putting their trust in the great leader and following the path indicated by him in the arduous days of the revolution. Overwhelmed with the great honour, happiness, emotion and joy of meeting at their post the respected and beloved leader whom they had thought of even in their dreams and revered, they, shedding tears of gratitude, extended highest glory and warmest thanks to him. And they renewed again and again their unshakable determination to attend the respected and beloved leader till the end of the sun and the moon and fight on staunchly, following the great leader and the glorious Party with singlehearted devotion.

The great leader acquainted himself with the combat preparations of the soldiers of the unit and saw their combat trainings.

He expressed satisfaction over the fact that they were making combat preparations successfully, upholding the Party's original military policy, and spoke highly of the successes scored in their combat trainings.

Then the great leader looked round the quarters and sat together with the soldiers of the unit to converse with them. The respected and beloved leader asked them how old they were, what schools they graduated from, how long they had been in service, whether they had parents in their home villages, what difficulties they had in life. And he, putting his hand on their shoulders, personally examined their health condition and their physical strength and said that they should further harden their bodies and train themselves properly to become one-beats-a-hundred soldiers.

That day Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, gave highly important teachings which would serve as a guiding compass in the struggle to firmly equip the army men with the Juche-based military theories, further develop the original military science and technique and strengthen national defence capabilities in every way.

When the great leader concluded his speech, the entire attendants sent up stormy cheers "Long live the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" and expressed their adamant resolve to loyally live up to the respected and beloved leader's deep political trust and great expectation by successfully carrying through his important teachings.

That day the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung posed for a photograph together with the soldiers of the unit who were celebrating the 29th founding anniversary of the heroic Korean People's Army.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, received a letter from Enrique Pastorino, President of the World Federation of Trade Unions, fully supporting the proposal put forward at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations. The letter said:

Comrade KIM IL SUNG

General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

Pyongyang

Respected Comrade General Secretary,

I have the honour of sending this letter of solidarity to you to fully support the proposal of the joint meeting of the Workers' Party of Korea led by you, the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and other political parties and public organizations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea held in Pyongyang on January 25.

We consider this most just and reasonable proposal as a new affirmative measure for relaxing the tension in Korea, removing the danger of a new war and preventing the permanent split of the country and achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

The World Federation of Trade Unions has supported and supports the just desire of the Korean people to solve the Korean question by themselves without the interference of the imperialists and their stooges and all the constructive proposals initiated by you and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The World Federation of Trade Unions has started the work for forming an international trade union committee for solidarity with the Korean people in compliance with the recommendation of the recent international trade union conference for solidarity with the Korean workers and people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The World Federation of Trade Unions fully supports all the points of the proposal of the Pyongyang joint meeting held on January 25 and will continue to strengthen its solidarity with the Korean people and appeal to the working people of all countries of the world to further strengthen the solidarity with the Korean workers and people in their struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of their country.

Please accept our wholehearted greetings to respected Comrade Kim Il Sung.

ENRIQUE PASTORINO
President of the World Federation of Trade Unions

Prague, January 28, 1977

The Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Receives Message from Vice-Chairman of National Assembly of Republic of Senegal Supporting New National Salvation Proposal

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a message dated January 31 from Kabiru Mboje, Vice-Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Senegal and head of the Senegal-Korea Friendship Parliamentary Group, supporting the new national salvation proposal advanced at a joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang on January 25.

The message said that the letter adopted at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations on January 25 includes a proposal to the political parties, public organizations and people of all strata in south Korea to achieve a great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south, relax the north-south tension and remove the danger of a nuclear war, eradicate the source of discord within the nation and create a climate of great national unity, and convene a north-south political consultative conference for discussing all these problems.

The message stressed:

The four-point national salvation proposal reflecting the independent and peaceful reunification policy put forward by Your Excellency President is a most fair and realistic proposal for preventing a permanent split of the nation and expediting the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The Senegal-Korea Friendship Parliamentary Group fully supports this national salvation proposal and holds that the north-south political consultative conference should be convened at an early date.

We sincerely hope that the Korean people under the wise leadership of Your Excellency President will achieve the country's reunification and lead a happy life.

Central Report Meeting Celebrating 29th Anniversary of Founding of Heroic Korean People's Army Held

A grand central report meeting was held at the February 8 House of Culture on February 7 to commemorate the 29th anniversary of the founding of the heroic Korean People's Army.

Put with due respect on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Seen on its background were a picture of the peaks of Mt. Paekdusan symbolic of the glorious revolutionary traditions established by the great leader in the period of anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, an unfurled national flag of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our glorious fatherland, which was born of the deep, strong roots of the traditions and the figures "1948-1977" formed around a model of the cap-badge of the KPA with a lucid five-pointed star—the figures epitomizing the proud historic course followed by the KPA under the wise leadership and solicitude of the great leader.

Hung in the meeting hall were slogans reading "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!" and streamers bearing the words "May the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung enjoy a long life in good health!" "Let us become the guard detachment and death-defying corps boundlessly faithful to the great leader and the glorious Party!" and "Long live the 29th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Korean People's Army, the revolutionary armed forces of our Party!"

The spacious meeting hall was packed to capacity with the officers and men of the ground, naval and air forces of the KPA and the Korean People's Security Forces, public security personnel, disabled veterans, families of the revolutionary and patriotic martyrs and families of People's Army servicemen and working people in the city.

The platform was taken by Comrades Kim Il, Pak Sung Chul, Kang Ryang Uk, Kim Dong Gyu, Choe Hyon, O Jin U, So Chol, Rim Chun Chu, O Baek Ryong, Yang Hyong Sop, Li Yong Mu, Kim Chol Man and Hwang Jang Yop and responsible functionaries of the Party and power bodies and working people's organizations, generals of the KPA, Heroes of the Republic and model combatants.

Invited to the meeting were diplomatic representatives and military attaches of foreign embassies in Pyongyang.

The meeting began with the playing of the Patriotic Song.

Comrade Kim Ik Hyon, Lieutenant General of the KPA, delivered a report.

The reporter said that under the wise leadership and paternal care of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung the Korean People's Army has traversed a militant path replete with victory and glory over the past years.

The glorious course of the KPA is a worthwhile history in which the respected and beloved leader's military idea of self-defence and original line of building armed forces have been brilliantly embodied and have attained a victory.

The revolutionary armed forces of our country began to strike roots and the dyeing of the armed ranks with the Juche idea started from the time when the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, during the darkest period of Japanese imperialist rule, brightly illuminated the road ahead of our people with the rays of the immortal Juche idea and organized the ranks of the anti-Japanese armed struggle on the basis of the Juche-motivated idea of building the revolutionary armed forces, the reporter noted. He stressed that the great leader founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, the first revolutionary armed force of the Korean people, organized and led the heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle to victory and established the glorious tradition of the building of revolutionary armed forces in the flames of the arduous struggle and, on the basis of the brilliant tradition, energetically promoted after liberation the preparatory work for the founding of the regular revolutionary armed forces to firmly defend the fatherland and revolutionary gains and, at last, proclaimed the founding of the Korean People's Army to the whole world on February 8, 1948.

Referring to the significance of the founding of the Korean People's Army and its mission, the reporter pointed out:

Over the past 29 years since its founding the Korean People's Army has remained infinitely loyal to the great leader and performed undying feats for the fatherland and the revolution.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"Through its heroic, self-sacrificing struggle, the People's Army has acquitted itself well of the revolutionary tasks it assumed before our homeland and people and has added many a brilliant success to the revolutionary history of our Party, a history which provides a shining example for generations to come." (Kim Il Sung, *Selected Works*, Eng. ed., Vol. V, p. 2.)

The platform of the central report meeting celebrating the 29th anniversary of the founding of the heroic Korean People's Army

Despite manifold difficulties and ordeals the officers and men of the People's Army have fought staunchly following the one road of victory indicated by the great leader, with ardent loyalty to him at all times.

The soldiers of the People's Army have thought and acted in accordance with the ideas and intention of the great leader and resolutely defended and upheld the monolithic ideology of the Party at any time and in any place.

Under the slogan "Let us defend the Central Committee of the Party headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung with our lives!" our People's Army firmly guarded the unity in ideology and purpose and the revolutionary cohesion of the whole ranks rallied rock-firm around the great leader, smashing the machinations of the betrayers of revolution and the anti-Party, counter-revolutionary factional elements, and stoutly defended the gains of the revolution from the encroachment of the enemies of all brands.

Saying that the unbounded loyalty of the People's Army soldiers to the respected and beloved leader and their infinite devotion to the fatherland and people were fully displayed in the grim Fatherland Liberation War against the imperialist armed invaders and their lackeys, the reporter stressed:

Under the superb and seasoned leadership of the great leader our people and the officers and men of the People's Army courageously surmounted stern trials of the war and finally inflicted a disgraceful defeat upon the US imperialists, who had boasted of being "the strongest" in the world, for the first time in history and won a great victory.

The historic victory of our people in the Fatherland Liberation War was a shining victory of the respected and beloved leader's unique military idea of self-defence, Juche-based methods of war and brilliant art of leadership and a striking demonstration of the indestructible political and ideological unity and revolutionary cohesion of our people and the People's Army rallied close as one man around the great leader.

Under the sagacious leadership of the great leader our people won a brilliant victory in the war and thus brought about the beginning of a downhill turn for the US imperialists, the chieftain of imperialism, and developed the national liberation struggle and anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle onto a new higher stage on a world-wide scale.

Pointing out that in the postwar period, too, our People's Army implemented with credit the Party's military line, decisively smashing the enemy's repeated provocative acts for aggression and a new war and reliably defending the security of the fatherland and the gains of the revolution, the reporter continued:

As a result of the implementation of the Party's military line under the wise leadership of the great leader, our People's Army has grown and strengthened to be one-beats-a-hundred modernized army of cadres, invincible revolutionary armed forces guaranteeing firmly and militarily the realization of the revolutionary cause of Juche and the all-people, nation-wide defence system with the People's Army as the core has been firmly established.

Noting that the great leader founded the Korean People's Army in good time, brightly lit up the road to be followed by the People's Army in each period and at each stage of the development of the revolution and personally guided the army to fully translate into practice the intentions and demands of the Party at all its units and posts, the reporter emphasized:

It is an immense honour and happiness for our people and the People's Army to have the respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung as the Supreme Commander of the whole armed forces and as the great leader and make revolution guided by the Party.

Representing the unbounded allegiance of the entire people and the officers and men of the People's Army, the reporter extended the greatest glory and warmest gratitude to the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung, the founder and leader of the Korean People's Army who has always led our People's Army along the one road of victory and brought today's glory and happiness to our people and armymen.

Pointing out that it is the supreme national task facing our people to terminate the division of the country and reunify the fatherland, the reporter said with emphasis: The division of the country which has lasted for over 30 years owing to the US troops' occupation of south Korea and the "two Koreas" plot of the domestic and foreign splittists has spelled immeasurable misfortunes and hardships to our people and it is the constant factor keying up the tension and increas-

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"How Good It Will Be for Us to Live in Peace under the Leadership of General KIM IL SUNG!"

Ardent Reverence of South Korean People for the Respected and Beloved Leader

Handbills expressing deep reverence for the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung and calling for a struggle to live a happy life under his policy were posted up recently in the area of Hapchon county, South Kyongsang Province, according to the radio "Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification".

Saying that there is in this world a paradise where the people live the happiest life, the handbills stressed:

"President Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, has turned the north into a paradise for the people."

"Don't you want to live a peaceful and happy life in a land like the north under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung?" the handbills asked, and said: **"Let us all rise up courageously and fight for that day."**

The handbills also said: **"Let all the people give vent to their righteous indignation and overthrow the Pak regime!"**

The handbills immensely stirred up a large number of people and they were made known to broad sections of people by the witnesses.

According to another report of the radio "Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification", a certain Li who is in the grocery line in Yangju, Kyonggi Province of south Korea, expressed ardent reverence for the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation.

While talking with passengers in a bus some time ago, he said:

"Due to the imposition of taxes, we cannot run a business in this accursed society. The north is the only tax-free country in the world. If this bus carries us straightly to the north so that we may live in peace under the leadership of General Kim Il Sung who administers state affairs well for the people, how good it will be!

"General Kim Il Sung is a person who enforces the best policy in the world."

A woman who was attentively listening to him said, unable to repress her reverence for the great leader: **"I am going to my parents to get money to pay tax. How nice it will be to live under the leadership of General Kim Il Sung who abolished taxation!"**

Grocer Li said: **"It is not the desire of mine and yours alone but the unanimous desire of the people in Yangju to live under the leadership of General Kim Il Sung. Let us live with fortitude, looking forward to the day when we will have our desire realized."**

First Hyogo Prefectural Scientific Seminar on Juche Idea Held in Kobe, Japan

The First Hyogo Prefectural Scientific Seminar on the Juche Idea was held with success on January 29.

Present at the seminar were a large number of people who have made a deep study of the great Juche idea and the Korean question—members of 10 organizations for the study of the Juche idea including the Kobe "Society for the Study of the Juche Idea," the Amagasaki "Society for Independence," the Kobe University "Society for the Study of the Juche Idea" and the Kansai University "Society for the Study of Japan-Korea Affairs" and members of trade union organizations including the Himeji Teachers Union and teachers and students of the Kobe Foreign Languages College, higher schools and middle schools.

The seminar opened with the chorus of "Song of General Kim Il Sung".

A letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was unanimously adopted at the seminar amid thunderous applause of the attendants.

An opening address was made at the seminar.

The speaker stressed that the 65th birthday of the great leader of the Korean people Marshal Kim Il Sung, the outstanding leader of the Korean revolution and the world revolution and most prominent thinker and theoretician, which will be celebrated this year is the common great jubilee not only for the Korean people but for the Japanese people studying the Juche idea and the fighting progressive people of the world.

The Chairman of the Hyogo Prefectural Headquarters of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) made a congratulatory speech.

A congratulatory speech was made by Oku Muguchi, General Secretary of the Hyogo Prefectural Council of Trade Unions, who was invited to the seminar.

The great Juche idea is President Kim Il Sung's immortal idea and theory lighting the road to be followed by the world revolution, he noted, and stressed: To study the Juche idea is of great significance in carrying out all the movements of the Japanese working class.

The seminar heard reports on activities of three study groups.

The representative of the Amagasaki "Society for Independence" emphasized: We have keenly realized that a series of complicated practical problems arising in Japan can be solved only on the basis of the Juche idea. The great Juche idea is the only idea that can revolutionize the Japanese people.

A report was made by Ogami Kenichi, Chief of the "Liaison Council of the Society for the Study of the Juche Idea" of youth in Japan, who participated in the "International Scientific Seminar on the Juche Idea" held in Madagascar last year.

The seminar heard study reports on the subjects "Embodiment of the Juche Idea in the Anti-Japanese Guerrilla Struggle" and "Reunification of Korea and the Juche Idea" and the like.

In the study report "Correctness of the Juche Idea in the Present Times," Maeda Masato emphasized: **For its correctness and universal truth, the Juche idea is being disseminated more extensively in the world and has become a guiding compass of revolution in various countries. This is because this idea, on the basis of the highest philosophical theory, makes a comprehensive and perfect exposition of the co-relation between nature and man, particularly, the position of man and his decisive role; this is an ideology with an integral system giving perfect answers to all the theoretical and practical questions arising in revolution and construction and fully meets the demands of the era of Juche, the present era.**

He said in an excited tone: It is only too natural to call the idea of the great President representing the present times Kimilsungism.

Professor of the Konan University Sugihara Shiro gave a lecture.

An "Appeal Expressing Support and Solidarity for Korean People's Struggle" was adopted there.

The Hyogo Prefectural Liaison Council for the Study of the Juche Idea was formed at the seminar in reflection of the unanimous desire of the adherents of the Juche idea in Hyogo Prefecture.

Professor of the Kansai Gakuin University Yamada Terumi, representative of this liaison council, made a closing address at the seminar.

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Korean Delegations Visit Foreign State Leaders

WPK Delegation Calls on Chairman of Presidential Council of Democratic Yemen

The delegation of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by Comrade Chong Jun Gi, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Vice-Premier of the Administration Council of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on a visit to Democratic Yemen paid on January 30 a call on Salem Rubaya Ali, Chairman of the Presidential Council of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, according to a report.

Present on the occasion were the DPRK ambassador to Democratic Yemen, Mohamed Saleh Mutic, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the United National Front Political Organization of Democratic Yemen and Foreign Minister of Democratic Yemen, Saleh Hassan Muhammad, Alternate Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the United National Front Political Organization of Democratic Yemen and Secretary of Information and Culture of the Central Committee, and a Department Director of the Foreign Ministry.

The head of the delegation courteously conveyed the cordial compliments and words of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung to the Chairman of the Presidential Council of Democratic Yemen.

After expressing deep thanks for the cordial compliments and precious words of the great leader, the Chairman of the Presidential Council said to the head of the delegation: "Please convey our fraternal greetings to Comrade Kim Il Sung."

Saying that the Korean and Democratic Yemeni peoples are comrades-in-arms fighting against the common enemy, the Chairman of the Presidential Council reaffirmed that the United National Front Political Organization, the government and people of Democratic Yemen, will as always stand firm on the side of the Korean people struggling for the reunification of the country.

The conversation proceeded in a friendly atmosphere.

DPRK Government Delegation Calls on Emperor of Central African Empire

A government delegation of our country headed by Comrade Ho Dam, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Foreign Minister, on a visit to the Central African Empire February 2 called on Bokassa the First, Emperor of the Central African Empire, according to a report.

Present on the occasion were Michel Gbezera Bria, Acting Foreign Minister and Minister of Public Works, Labour and Social Security, and a functionary concerned.

The head of the delegation courteously conveyed the friendly greetings of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to the Emperor.

After expressing deep thanks for the friendly greetings of the great leader, the Emperor said:

"How is great comrade and most intimate friend Marshal Kim Il Sung?

I wish President Kim Il Sung good health and a long life and the Korean people led by him greater success."

The Emperor said that he would make every effort to develop the relations of friendship and cooperation between the Central African Empire and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Hoping for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea without any outside interference, he stressed:

"I assure you of my support to the cause of the Korean people wisely and devotedly led by great comrade and friend Marshal Kim Il Sung."

The conversation proceeded in a friendly atmosphere.

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The United States Should Completely Revise Its Korea Policy

US Reverends, Professors, Doctor and Others Publish Statement

US reverends, professors, doctor, father, UN consultant and member of the Committee in Solidarity with the Korean People, 7 in all, published a statement in the name of "The Committee for a New Direction for US Korea Policy", according to a report.

The statement carried in the January 23 issue of the US paper "The New York Times" reads as follows:

We the signers of this statement are troubled by our country's Korea policy. **We call for a conference on this matter to be held in New York City April 1-3, 1977.**

Now, when the US is reexamining its foreign policy it is particularly necessary to recall that the absence of democracy in south Korea is a direct consequence of past US policy. It is our duty to continue and increase the call for a new US Korea policy. For this is the time for us to work out a program that will be more effective in pressing for such a change.

Today, thousands of political dissidents—including former President Yun Bo Son, presidential candidate Kim Dae Jung, poet Kim Ji Ha, quaker Ham Sok Hon, and leading Christians Rev. Mun Dong Hwan and Father Ham Se Ung—suffer in Pak Jung Hi's prisons, where many are tortured and killed. More than two decades after the end of the Korean war, the US keeps in south Korea 42,000 troops, nuclear warheads, as well as the most sophisticated conventional weapons. US economic and military aid, as well as private loans and investments, directly support the Pak Jung Hi "government" and thereby ensure its ability to deny human rights.

Recent reports in the press have exposed the true character of the Pak Jung Hi "government". These underscore the shameful nature of the US policy of supporting south Korea's repressive regimes for more than a quarter-century.

Pak Jung Hi uses the armed forces, the south Korean "CIA", police and home guard as well as other agencies, to enforce his repression. Even abroad Koreans are not safe from the south Korean "CIA" in the US. Koreans, who should enjoy the full protection of our laws, are harassed and kidnapped by Pak Jung Hi's agents. The south Korean "CIA" has even tried to undermine the American democratic process by the bribery and subversion of American public officials, including at least 90 congressional representatives. Congressional hearing has exposed even so-called religious organizations as south Korean "CIA" fronts.

As Pak Jung Hi tries to consolidate his rule, more and more south Koreans resist him. **Defying repression, they call for Pak Jung Hi's immediate ouster, the restoration of the constitution and of democratic rights, and an end to US support of the Pak Jung Hi dictatorship.**

As Pak Jung Hi's isolation from his own people has grown, the danger of his initiating war has increased. His response to opposition has been to fan fears of north Korean "attack" even as he advances his own preparations for war. War in Korea would immediately involve the US, since many American troops are stationed just south of the Demilitarized Zone. Such a conflict could extend beyond the US and Korea, involve the whole world and might place the US in the position of starting the first nuclear war.

We seek a peaceful resolution to the problems of divided Korea. To this end, it is essential to:

—withdraw all US troops and withdraw immediately all nuclear weapons from south Korea;

—withdraw all US military and paramilitary personnel and conventional weapons from south Korea; and,

—cut off aid—military and economic—from the Pak Jung Hi "regime".

We believe that the inauguration of a new administration opens the way for a complete revision of US Korea policy, consistent with the principles of humanity and justice of the American people.

President Carter himself has called for a withdrawal of US troops from south Korea. Popular support is necessary to show the President that the American people want him to chart a new US Korea policy.

We should be grateful for your endorsement and support of this conference.

Rev. Paul Abels, Washington Square United Methodist Church, New York

Bob Cambria, Committee in Solidarity with the Korean People

Ruth Gage Colby, UN Consultant

Prof. Samuel J. Noumoff, Mcgill University

Prof. Mark Selden, Washington University

Father James P. Sinnott, Washington, D.C.

Dr. George Wald, Harvard University

Committee for a New Direction for US Korea Policy

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ing the danger of a war in Korea.

The reporter said that, croaking about the fictitious "threat of southward invasion", the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are beefing up the armed forces in a big way, offering one half of the country to the United States as its nuclear base and openly plotting for a nuclear war which may reduce the land to debris. And he branded the Pak Jung Hi clique as heinous warmaniacs to plunge our people and other peoples of the world into the holocaust of a nuclear war.

The reporter recalled the fact that the recent joint meeting of political parties and public organizations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea put forward, as a measure to overcome the present difficulties and accelerate the cause of the country's reunification in accordance with the policy of national reunification advanced by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, a four-point national salvation proposal, the key note of which is to realize a great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south desirous of reunification, ease the tension between the north and the south and remove the danger of nuclear war, eliminate the source of a discord within the nation and create an atmosphere of great national unity and to convene a north-south political consultative conference composed of representatives of all the political parties, public organizations and people of all strata in the north and south to have consultation about the above-mentioned questions.

This proposal, the reporter stressed, is a patriotic and epochal save-the-nation proposal for reunification which mirrors the reality of our country most correctly and fully accords with the will and interests of the Korean people, and no sooner had this proposal been announced than it aroused unanimous support and sympathy not only among our people but among the progressive peoples throughout the world.

Saying that the question of our country's reunification is, on all accounts, an internal affair of our nation and this problem must be settled by our people independently and peacefully on democratic principles, the reporter emphasized:

The United States must give up the "two Koreas" plot for keeping our country divided into two parts indefinitely, withdraw all its lethal weapons including nuclear weapons and troops from south Korea at once and let the Korean people settle the question of Korea's reunification by themselves.

The Japanese reactionaries must no longer persist in the hostile act of opposing the withdrawal of the US troops and obstructing our country's reunification, encouraging the south Korean authorities, but stop reinvading south Korea.

The south Korean authorities are assuming a defiant attitude towards our just proposal, talking about the so-called "non-aggression pact," but this is nothing but a political smokescreen to cover up their criminal acts, the reporter said, and stressed that we reaffirm that we are ready to hold disarmament talks at any time to discuss the problems of making the US troops withdraw from south Korea, stopping the reinforcement of armed forces and arms race, reducing the strength of armies and armaments and discontinuing the shipment of arms from abroad for the purpose of relaxing the tension and removing the danger of war in Korea.

He stated that in order to avert the danger of war and achieve peace in Korea the unstable armistice should be turned into a durable peace.

The reporter said that the ever-growing voices of the broad sections of the people throughout the world demanding the termination of the aggression and intervention of outside forces in Korea and the withdrawal of the US troops from south Korea for the promotion of the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea are a great encouragement to our people who are striving to realize the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

He emphatically said that the entire people in the north and south of Korea will firmly unite and resolutely thwart and foil the "two Koreas" plot of the splittists within and without and accomplish the historic cause of the country's reunification without fail in line with the three principles and five-point proposals put forward for national reunification by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the four-point save-the-nation proposal, their embodiment.

When the reporter concluded his report, shouting the slogan: "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people!", all the attendants rose to their feet and sent up again and again the thunderous cheers of "*manse!*" (hurrah)

The meeting closed with the playing of the Patriotic Song.

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Meanwhile, colourful functions took place to mark the 29th anniversary of the founding of the heroic Korean People's Army.

The people's delegations dispatched by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung visited the units of the Korean People's Army and the Korean People's Security Forces and courteously conveyed the precious gifts from the great leader to the units and they spent a memorable time with soldiers.

Actors and actresses of national and local art troupes sent by the great leader and the Party visited units of the People's Army and put on the stage revolutionary art works they prepared.

A film week dedicated to the 29th birthday of the KPA opened from February 5 to 11.

On the 7th the Ministry of People's Armed Forces sponsored a shooting match of military attaches of foreign embassies in Pyongyang and on the evening of the 8th arranged a film show and cocktail party for them.

The Senior Member of the Korean People's Army and Chinese People's Volunteers side to the Military Armistice Commission arranged on the 8th a cocktail party on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of the founding of the KPA.

On the 8th military attaches of foreign embassies in Pyongyang laid a wreath before the monument to the fallen fighters of the People's Army. On the 5th they called at the Museum of Korean Revolution, a sanctuary of the Juche idea.

At factories and enterprises, on cooperative farms and in schools in different parts of the country, diverse activities were briskly conducted—commemorative lectures, round-table conversations, get-togethers with Heroes of the Republic and model fighters of the People's Army, sending of consolatory letters and gifts to the People's Army soldiers and so on and so forth.

Don't Worry about Our Post

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"All the officers and men of the People's Army must be fully prepared at all times and defend their post with vigilance in order to accomplish the historic cause of national reunification and win the nation-wide victory of the revolution."

We called on the soldiers of the Red-Flag army unit to which Comrade Li Jong Bae belongs, the soldiers who were intensifying their combat and political training and creditably guarding the defence line of the fatherland, in hearty response to the great leader's teaching.

What struck our eyes when we arrived at a post of the unit was powerful slogans "Let us defend with our lives the Party Central Committee headed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Let's meet the requirements of Juche in ideology, technology and culture!" and "Let's train ourselves, study and live as the anti-Japanese guerillas did!" Sentry posts, drill grounds and barracks were arranged in good order.

All around we seemed to feel the very breath of a-match-for-a-hundred soldiers' life.

The commander of the unit told us in a tone full of confidence: "Our posts are becoming more and more impregnable like an iron wall in the thick of the Three-Revolution Red Flag Movement".

At first we went to see the "Study Hall of Comrade Kim Il Sung's Revolutionary Ideas" that presented a spectacular view.

When we entered the hall, armymen were absorbed in studying the great leader's superb military strategy and tactics to be applied in practice, in their combat and political training.

The commander said: "Studying is the most important in the daily routine of the armymen. Through studying the armymen acquire the great leader's revolutionary ideas and prepare themselves to be the revolutionary soldiers boundlessly loyal to him."

Seen in the drill grounds were soldiers intent on tactical and physical trainings and shooting practice.

At the rifle range simulated targets disappeared, appeared or moved now and then. Upon the commander's order, soldiers fired, each hitting the mark at one shot.

Their skill was so excellent that it reminded us of a shooting match.

We also met the soldiers who came back after fulfilling their sentry duty.

The frostwork formed on their caps and overcoats was adequately expressive of their indomitable fighting spirit and mettle.

Hearing that we came from Pyongyang, they were much pleased.

They proudly said: "The mere mention of Pyongyang is enough to make us feel fresh strength welling up in us. Looking up to Pyongyang, the capital of revolution where the great leader lives and the glorious Party Centre is, we are defending our post firmly. Don't worry about our post."

We spent a pleasant recreation time with the soldiers.

Poem recital, story telling and satiric dialogues well depicted their army life. What moved us in particular was that they were all full of optimism, handling more than one musical instrument.

Their gallant features and optimistic life made us feel reassured. A new strength surged up within us.

Kim Ik Gwon

Soldiers of the KPA unit to which Comrade Hwang Hae Ryong belongs are following the revolutionary spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who remained immensely loyal to the great leader

Army and People with One Mind and One Will

On the occasion of the 29th anniversary of the KPA's founding, our working people had get-togethers with armymen and spent a pleasant time with them

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"The People's Army should serve the country and the people, and the entire people should love and aid the People's Army; our soldiers and the people should further develop the traditional spirit of unity between the army and people, and, in case of emergency, should closely unite in a body as true revolutionary comrades and fight with single-hearted devotion, to safeguard our country and our socialist gains, sharing life and death, joys and sorrows."

True to the great leader's teaching, our soldiers and the people throughout the country are displaying to the full the traditional spirit of unity between the army and the people, that is, the spirit of helping and loving each other with one mind and one will.

Mutual Affinity

Not long ago, it happened in a rural community. It was a very cold day.

In a nearby co-op farm village where Comrade So Il Hwa works, soldiers of a People's Army unit took a rest for a while when they were passing by it.

Co-op farmers rushed forward and greeted the soldiers with a glad heart, conducting them into warm rooms or fetching hot tea for them.

Some farmers brought with them souvenirs which they had prepared with all sincerity and divided them among the armymen. A sub-work team leader put into the soldiers' knapsacks a variety of fruits such as apple and pear.

Really the whole co-op farm village gave the People's Army fighters a hearty welcome and bade them a tender farewell.

The farmers are always anxious to do something more for the People's Army.

They send produced fruits and vegetables first to the People's Army units quartered close by. There are so many beautiful stories telling that the villagers assist the People's Army as best they can.

The servicemen of the said units, on their part, come to the aid of the co-op farmers during their spare time or on Sundays. While lending a helping hand to the farmers who are busy with their work, they explain to them in plain words the Party's policy and the internal and external situation and encourage them to do farming better.

In every busy farming season when maize seedlings raised on humus pots were to be bedded out or when harvesting started to gather in well-grown crops, the armymen came to the farm and, working with its members, chalked up signal results in the farming operation, and an atmosphere of joy reigned over the fields as they sang and danced during breaks.

On the occasion of the 29th birthday of the heroic Korean People's Army, the co-op farmers called on the warriors of the nearby People's Army units, carrying with them consolatory letters and souvenirs they prepared. The soldiers were entertained with music and dance to their great delight.

The armymen visited the co-op farm in their turn. They related stories of their combat experiences and spent an impressive time with the farmers there.

The co-op farmers and the servicemen of the People's Army units stationed near their village are on good terms, helping each other and doing favour to each other like real brothers.

Cha Bong Ryong

Great Alliance of Socialist Forces of North and Patriotic Democratic Forces of South: Mighty Driving Force for National Reunification

The joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang recently, presenting fundamental national salvation measures for preventing a permanent split of the nation and achieving the cause of reunification by the united strength of the nation, advanced save-the-nation proposal for realizing a great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south desirous of reunification.

The great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south is an alliance of the genuinely patriotic forces standing against fascism and for democracy, against war and for peace, against split and for reunification.

This national salvation proposal is a new initiative which will bring an epochal phase in realizing the cause of rejoining the severed blood veins of the nation and reunifying the divided country.

First of all, this proposal makes it possible to strengthen our forces for national reunification hundreds of times by achieving the great alliance of the genuinely patriotic forces of the whole nation for the realization of the country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"Reunifying the country is an undertaking for the good of the whole nation, and a national task feasible only when the whole nation unites efforts and struggles for it in firm unity." ("On the Occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Workers' Party of Korea", Eng. ed., pp. 36-37.)

The question of national reunification is essentially a question of taking back the territory and population from the foreign imperialists and ensuring national sovereignty on a nationwide scale. Accordingly, the reunification of the country is the common cause of the nation which is related to the interests of the entire Korean people, not confined to the interests of a certain class, stratum or party.

This lofty cause can successfully be hastened only through the great alliance of the patriotic forces of the north and the south who love the country and the nation and truly want national reunification, in other words, through the great alliance of the whole nation.

The socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south are opposed to the perpetual split of the nation, war and fascism and want the peace and peaceful reunification of the country, though these forces exist under differing social systems and have differences in idea and ideal. Therefore, as far as the question of national reunification is concerned, there can be no contradiction between the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south and the great alliance between them is fully possible.

Like this, when the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south are united in a body as powerful organized forces, the forces for national reunification will be strengthened hundreds of times and this will constitute a mighty driving force for promoting national reunification.

The proposal on forming the great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south is a great save-the-nation proposal to prevent a permanent national split and the disaster of a nuclear war in our country.

The grave situation created in our country today due to the machinations of the domestic and foreign splittists to perpetuate the division and start a war urgently demands that the nation-wide struggle for reunification be intensified more than ever before.

The south Korean rulers are committing all sorts of criminal acts to continue the policy of confrontation and split and create "two Koreas" by resorting to the fascist dictatorship, going against the will of the whole nation.

In particular, under the pretext of the non-existent "threat of southward invasion" they have markedly increased army strength and military expenditure, newly built and expanded military establishments everywhere and are staging almost every day military provocations and war exercises against us on the front and in the rear.

South Korea, the length and breadth of which is covered with barracks and military bases has been turned into a large nuclear base and thereby nuclear weapons are deployed near the Military Demarcation Line.

The boisterous war provocation moves going on in south Korea today have gone to such a dangerous extent that Korea and other parts of the world would be plunged into the holocaust of a nuclear war.

Nevertheless, the south Korean rulers are perpetrating all sorts of criminal acts to keep in south Korea atomic nuclear weapons fraught with the constant danger of a nuclear war and to see the US troops stay on there.

The danger of perpetual split is increasing and the dark clouds of war are gathering moment by moment owing to the reckless moves of the south Korean authorities.

This arouses serious concern not only among the Korean people but also among the peace-loving peoples of the world who stand against a nuclear war and unanimously call for the creation of a nuclear-free zone.

What is required to prevent the permanent split and the danger of war in our country and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea is the unity of the patriotic forces which are against fascism, war and split and for democracy, peace and reunification. Only by realizing the great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south, can the forces for national reunification be truly mighty and indestructible and peace and security be surely guaranteed. This fully accords with the aspirations and demands of the world people.

The recent joint meeting of political parties and public organizations stressed that to realize the great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south desirous of reunification, one must not impose his idea, principle and view upon the other but respect and trust the other and subordinate everything solely to the common cause of the nation.

This reflects a truly patriotic stand that the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south take into consideration the destiny of the country and the nation first of all, transcending their ideas, principle and views.

At this hour when the destiny of the country and the nation is exposed to a grave threat, anyone who loves the country and the nation must not insist on his idea, principle and view only, much less place them above the interests of the nation.

Even though there may be differences in idea, principle and view, people can unite in the sacred struggle for national reunification if they do not advocate fascism. Even if there may be a difference in social systems, it cannot be an obstacle to the realization of alliance if these systems are not fascist ones.

As seen above, the proposal to realize the great alliance is the most realistic and reasonable national salvation proposal which renders it possible to firmly unite the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south under the banner of national reunification and to unanimously participate in the nation-wide patriotic movement for the realization of the cause of reunification.

Indeed, the great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south desirous of reunification will be a truly great strength in thwarting the splitting machinations of the domestic and foreign separatists and bringing the dawn of reunification and a reliable guarantee for achieving national reunification.

Our people will certainly achieve the cause of reunification by the united strength of the nation.

Choe Si Hwan

Chongryon Chairman Han Dok Su Sends Letter of Request to Japanese Government

Han Dok Su, Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan), declared that if the Japanese government is not willing to help towards Korea's reunification, it should refrain from acts obstructive to it, according to a KNS report from Tokyo.

This urge is contained in his letter of request sent to the Japanese government.

This was handed to Sonoda, Chief Cabinet Secretary of the Japanese government, by Li Gye Baek, Vice-Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon, on the 28th.

The Chief Cabinet Secretary said that he would present this letter to Prime Minister Fukuda and study its purport.

The letter said that the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held on January 25 in Pyongyang put forward a new four-point national salvation proposal.

It exposed the fact that of late the Japanese government authorities have supported the US troops' permanent presence in south Korea, the greatest obstacle to Korea's reunification, under the pretext of "balance of forces," opposing the withdrawal of these aggression troops from south Korea, pursuing the "two Koreas" policy, persisting in the line of the US-Japan-south Korea coordination and stepping up the policy of aid to the Pak Jung Hi puppet regime.

The letter strongly demanded that the Japanese government face the trend of history and reality squarely and change its present Korean policy of unilaterally encouraging the Pak Jung Hi puppet regime and taking an unfriendly attitude towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for peace in Asia and for the establishment of genuine friendly relations between the Korean and Japanese peoples.

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Young Promising Skaters

Many young promising skaters made their appearance at various skating competitions held these days in our country.

The 1977 national speed skating championships were held at the Potong-gang skating rink in Pyongyang between January 23 and 25.

Men and women skaters of different sports teams who had cultivated strength and trained their skill, upholding the teachings of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung on placing all sports on a higher level, gave a good account of themselves at the championships through the vigorous ideological battle, fighting spirit displaying battle, speed campaign and technique displaying battle initiated by the Party Centre.

Li Sung Gi and Ku Jong Hui of the Ryanggang provincial sports team came first respectively in the men's and women's total to be the 1977 national speed skating title holders.

Ku Jong Hui who made her debut last year demonstrated a distinguished skill and strength in the recent championships to be placed first in the 1,000 metres and 1,500 metres. A 17 years old girl, she is highly praised by experts for her excellent physical preparation for all events of speed skating, strong patience and good performance.

Pak Gum Hyon of the Potong-gang sports team who came second in the women's total also stole the show. She is now 16 years old.

Li Jong Ho, young skater of the same sports team, who came third in the men's 1,500 metres is also very promising.

Most of the participants in the championships are in their teens or early twenties. But they acquitted themselves very well at the competitions, exhibiting a high skill.

In the national short-distance speed skating championships held earlier in Pujon county, South Hamgyong Province, Pak Yong Chan (boy) and Kim Chun Young (girl) of the North Pyongan provincial sports team became national title holders.

Meanwhile, the national school children and youth skating competitions celebrating the 31st anniversary of the founding of the League of Socialist Working Youth were held at the Changjin county skating ground in South Hamgyong Province between January 17 and 24.

Taking part in the competitions were over 1,500 skaters of colleges, higher specialized schools, senior middle schools and primary schools selected at eliminations in provinces (municipalities directly under central authority).

Many skaters broke the former records in various events.

In the total points the first places were won respectively by the Hyesan Agricultural and Forestry College in the technical college group, by the Kanggye Second Normal College in the normal college group, by the Hamhung Teachers College in the teachers college group and by South Hwanghae Province in the higher specialized school group.

Chong Ui Ryol

Students of the Sochang Senior Middle School in Pyongyang are intent on skating

The Four-Point National Salvation Proposal Advanced at the Joint Meeting of Political Parties and Public Organizations Held in Pyongyang Is the Most Patriotic, Justifiable and Realistic One

Full Support from Many Countries of the World

The joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang on January 25 put forward a four-point save-the-nation proposal to remove the danger of permanent national split and war and hasten the country's independent and peaceful reunification. For its fairness the proposal is now enlisting world-wide support.

Statements and Appeals

The International Union of Students issued a statement on January 28.

The new proposals advanced at the joint meeting will serve as a practical measure for achieving Korea's reunification and as a basic guarantee for maintaining peace in Korea and peace in Asia and, furthermore, world peace, the statement pointed out and stressed:

The IUS strongly demands that the south Korean authorities stop at once the nation splitting activities and the suppression of the patriotic and progressive youth and students in south Korea and respond without delay to the four-point proposal adopted at the Pyongyang meeting.

The statement appealed to the affiliated organizations of the IUS and the world progressive forces to take effective solidarity measures for supporting the struggle of the Korean people, youth and students for realizing the four-point proposal adopted at the Pyongyang meeting.

The First Hyogo Prefectural Scientific Seminar on the Juche Idea held in Kobe, Japan adopted on January 29 an "appeal expressing support and solidarity for the struggle of the Korean people."

The appeal pointed out that the seminar warmly supports and welcomes the proposal set forth at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations and hopes for its early realization.

The appeal strongly called upon the Japanese government to scrap the unfriendly hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, annul the "Japan-US Security Treaty" and stop its backing of the Pak Jung Hi puppet regime.

It strongly demanded that the south Korean authorities release all the unjustly arrested south Korean patriots and democratic figures unconditionally and immediately and that the US government discontinue its criminal aggression and splitting manoeuvres in Korea and withdraw at once all the lethal weapons including nuclear weapons and aggressive armed forces from south Korea in accordance with the resolution adopted at the 30th UN General Assembly session and in conformity with the requirements of public opinion at home and abroad.

Wide Publicity and Comment by Newspapers, News Agencies, Radios

Foreign newspapers, radios and news agencies continue to widely report or make public editorials and commentaries on the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in our country and the save-the-nation proposal advanced at this meeting. Among them are Chinese paper "Renmin Ribao", Soviet papers "Pravda" and "Izvestia", Romanian paper "Scinteia", Vietnamese papers "Nhan Dan", "Quan Doi Nhan Dan" and "Hanoi Moi" and radio of Viet Nam, Mongolian paper "Unen" and radio of Mongolia, Bulgarian papers "Rabotnichesko Delo", "Otechestven Front", "Zemedelsko Zname" and "Trud" and news agency, radio and TV of Bulgaria, Hungarian papers "Nep-Szabadsag" and "Magyar Hirlap", Albanian papers "Zeri I Popullit" and "Bashkimi", radio of Democratic Cambodia, Yugoslav paper "Borba" and Yugoslav news agency Tanjug, Algerian paper "El Moudjahid", Syrian papers "Al Baath," "Al Soura", "Tishurin" and "Al Usoubuu Al Riyadih", Iraqi papers "Al Saura", "Al Jumhuriya" and others, Indian papers "Patriot" and "Statesman," the Congolese news agency and radio, radio of Burundi, Bangladesh papers "Bangladesh Times" and "Bangladesh Observer" and radio and TV of Bangladesh, news agency of Zaire and Iranian paper "Kaihan".

In its editorial, Chinese paper "Renmin Ribao" voiced full support for the new save-the-nation proposal and said:

The Korean people are the masters of their country. The Korean question must be solved by the Korean people themselves without fail. The United States must stop its aggression on and interference in Korea and dissolve the "UN Command" and withdraw all its troops from south Korea in accordance with the resolution adopted at the 30th UN General Assembly session.

In the future, too, as in the past the Chinese government and people, the editorial pointed out, will resolutely support the righteous struggle of the Korean people for the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

In its commentary the Soviet paper "Pravda" said that the continued occupation of south Korea by the foreign troops is the main obstacle to the peaceful reunification.

It emphasized:

The new peaceful initiative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to convene the north-south political consultative conference to be represented by political parties, public organizations and people of all strata in the north and the south of the country undoubtedly conforms with the desire of the entire Korean people.

The Soviet people express solidarity for the just desire of the Korean people to live in a reunified and independent democratic state.

Letters of Solidarity

The Central Committee of the Viet Nam Fatherland Front, the Workers' Trade Union of Democratic Cambodia, the Youth League of Democratic Cambodia and the Women's Union of Democratic Cambodia sent letters to the counterparts of our country.

The letter from the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Fatherland Front fully supported the just demand clarified in the January 25, 1977 letter of political parties and public organizations of our country and said:

The Central Committee of the Viet Nam Fatherland Front joins the entire Vietnamese people in expressing once again invariable solidarity with the Korean people in their just struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and affirms its firm support to them until complete victory.

Expressing full support to the four-point proposal of the joint meeting, a letter from the Workers' Trade Union of Democratic Cambodia pointed out:

The US imperialists must renounce the "two Koreas" policy, dismantle their military bases in south Korea and unconditionally withdraw the armed forces and all the weapons including nuclear weapons.

We take this opportunity to reaffirm that we will support with might and main the just struggle of the Korean people for achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea in accordance with the teachings of the respected and beloved leader of the Korean people Marshal Kim Il Sung.

Japanese People of Different Social Strata Express Support

Voicing support for the four-point save-the-nation proposal advanced at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations, Aoyama Yoshimichi, General Secretary of the National Council for the Normalization of Japan-Korea Relations, said:

The "non-aggression pact" brought forward by the Pak "regime" has no guarantee for peace in Korea; it is evidently aimed at freezing split. Hence, I consider the proposal for the convocation of the north-south political consultative conference is entirely just because the proposed conference is to thoroughly oppose the "two Koreas" plot of the Pak "regime" and achieve reunification and because this conference is to be represented by personages of all walks of life in the north and the south.

We will endeavour to make this year an epochal year when Korea's reunification is accelerated greatly.

Professor of Rikkyo University Inoue Shunhachi had this to say:

The save-the-nation proposal advanced by the DPRK side is designed to prevent permanent national split, remove the danger of war and expedite Korea's peaceful reunification by the united efforts of the north and the south.

In particular, the four-point proposal made in the letter is very important and urgent for the reunification and peace of Korea and we Japanese, too, fully support this appeal.

Japanese critic Ureshino Masuo stressed:

The convocation of the north-south political consultative conference is to achieve the reunification of Korea by the efforts of the Korean people themselves in a peaceful way and to contribute to peace in Asia.

But, the Pak "regime's non-aggression pact" is a powder-reeking one designed to fix the split of the country into the north and the south, the "two Koreas". I hope that the north-south political consultative conference proposed by the DPRK side will be convened as early as possible to promote the reunification of Korea

Li Jin Su

Public Organizations of Our Country Issue Statements

The Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland made public on February 1 a statement in which it urged the south Korean political parties, public organizations and people of all strata to respond without delay to the new national salvation proposal of the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang on January 25.

The four-point save-the-nation proposal, the statement stressed, is the most realistic and patriotic proposal embodying the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's policy for the country's independent and peaceful reunification and the most fair and aboveboard and independent proposal reflecting the unanimous will and desire of the whole nation for solving the national reunification question by the efforts of the Korean people themselves.

It laid bare the fact that the south Korean authorities are categorically rejecting our just and square save-the-nation proposal and hampering the realization of this reasonable national salvation proposal in every way, for fear it may be known to the south Korean people.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"In order to solve all problems for the country's peaceful reunification, it is essential to bring about the great unity of the nation, transcending the differences in social system, political views and religious beliefs."

After quoting the teaching of the respected and beloved leader, the statement said:

The reunification of the country is a common national task to ensure national sovereignty on a nationwide scale.

We hold that at this critical moment when the destinies of the country and the nation are at stake, the political parties, public organizations and all sections of people in south Korea should unhesitatingly come out for realizing a great alliance of the socialist forces of the north and the patriotic democratic forces of the south, apart from the differences in ideology and social system.

Along with this, the north-south political consultative conference must be convened forthwith to enable the representatives of all political parties, public organizations and people of all social standings who truly want reunification to meet at one place and frustrate the "two Koreas" plot and new war provocation manoeuvres of the splittists within and without and fling open the gate of national reunification.

The statement once again strongly urged the south Korean political parties, public organizations and people of all walks of life to bend every effort for the early realization of the new four-point save-the-nation proposal.

The Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland, the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea and other public organizations of our country also issued statements in which they called upon the political parties, public organizations and all segments of the people in south Korea and compatriots overseas to turn out vigorously in the struggle to put into effect the new save-the-nation proposal set forth at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations.

CC, Revolutionary Party for Reunification Issues Statement

The Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification on February 1 issued a statement warmly supporting the new national salvation proposal discussed at the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang on January 25, according to a report of Radio "Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification".

The statement warmly hailed and fully supported the proposal based on the three principles of national reunification laid down by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, calling it a realistic and reasonable national salvation proposal for tiding over the grave obstacles lying in the way of reunification and a patriotic initiative for promoting independent and peaceful reunification.

It said:

There is no more urgent and important task for our nation than to reunify the divided fatherland independently and peacefully. But the Pak Jung Hi group, following the "two Koreas" plan of the White House, reduced the North-South Joint Statement to a mere sheet of paper and brought the north-south dialogue to a rupture and shut out the prospect of reunification with the dark clouds of Yusin (revitalization).

At this very moment when the splittists within and without have gone to extremes in their "two Koreas" plot, the political parties and public organizations of the north advanced the save-the-nation proposal for reunification, which is not only highly opportune but also signifies a new momentous event in preventing the permanent split and the scourge of a nuclear war and paving the way for independent and peaceful reunification by representing the general will of the nation, stressed the statement, and continued:

The Revolutionary Party for Reunification manifests its firm determination to bend all efforts to unite broad patriotic democratic forces and achieve great alliance with the socialist forces of the north.

The statement urged all the political parties, groupings and personages of all strata in south Korea to actively respond to the proposal of the political parties and public organizations of the north for achieving great national unity.

It pointed out:

For the achievement of national reconciliation and great unity, we strongly demand that an immediate end be put to the fascist suppression of democracy, vile "anti-communist" propaganda and smear campaign against the north, the freedom of speech, the press, assembly, association and demonstration be guaranteed, all the political prisoners, illegally thrown behind bars be released at once and the Revolutionary Party for Reunification be legalized without delay in south Korea.

Considering that a north-south political consultative conference should be convened immediately to seek practical ways for the solution of the reunification question, the Revolutionary Party for Reunification expresses its readiness to actively participate in it, declared the statement. It stressed that the Party will direct all efforts to its early realization, heartily responding to the patriotic initiative of the political parties and public organizations of the north.

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Warm Support of Overseas Compatriots

A grand central meeting of Koreans in Japan took place in the Korean Hall of Culture in Tokyo on January 29 to support the proposal of the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations held in Pyongyang.

Placed with due respect on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and tender-hearted father of the compatriots in Japan, against the background of the red-and-blue flag of our Republic.

Seen in the meeting hall were the slogans "Long live the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the glorious homeland!" Also seen there were "May the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung live long in good health" and other streamers.

Attending the meeting were functionaries of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) and active compatriots in Kanto district, 3,500 in all.

The meeting began with the chorus "Song of General Kim Il Sung".

The meeting, expressing the infinite reverence and intense loyalty of the entire attendants, reverentially addressed a letter to respected and beloved Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our people and tender-hearted father of the compatriots in Japan.

Chairman Han Dok Su made a report at the meeting.

Pointing out that the new save-the-nation proposal of the joint meeting is an independent policy for national salvation which makes it possible to achieve the country's peaceful reunification with the strength of our nation and the most realistic and urgent measure to frustrate the manoeuvres of the splittists and open a new phase in realizing peaceful reunification, he stressed:

We, representing the unanimous will of the attendants of the meeting and the entire compatriots in Japan, warmly support and welcome as the most fair and aboveboard patriotic national salvation measure for reunification the proposal of the recent joint meeting embodying the national reunification policy of the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung and fully reflecting the unanimous desire of the whole nation for reunification.

The four-point proposal of the joint meeting of political parties and public organizations is an urgent national salvation measure which should be implemented without delay under the grave situation our country and nation are facing today.

A congratulatory message from Narita Tomomi, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Japan Socialist Party, was read out at the meeting.

In the message he declared that the four-point proposal presented at the joint meeting is the one which carries historic significance along with the July 4 North-South Joint Statement and said:

Our Party fully supports this proposal.

Our Party is firmly determined to do its best in the movement against the system of Japan-US-south Korea military alliance and Pak Jung Hi's military fascism in south Korea and for the realization of the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, the immediate withdrawal of the US troops present in south Korea and the pullback of nuclear weapons from south Korea.

Speeches supporting the proposal were made at the meeting by Toki Tsuyoshi, Deputy Chief of the International Relations Committee of the Central Committee of the Japan Communist Party, Hasegawa Shozo, Socialist member of the House of Representatives, Okimoto Yasuyuki, Director of the Labour Department of the Komei Party, Kajitani Yoshihisa, representative member of the Japan Committee for Supporting the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea, and Innami Hiroshi, Deputy Representative Director of the Japan-Korea Association.

The meeting also heard speeches from responsible functionaries of central organizations of Chongryon.

The meeting adopted an "Appeal to the personages and compatriots affiliated to Mindan organizations" and an "Appeal to political parties, public organizations, personages, compatriots and brothers and sisters in south Korea".

On the same day Chairman Han Dok Su of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon had a press interview in the Korean Hall of Culture in connection with the new policy of national salvation of the joint meeting of political parties and social organizations.

Li Sok Hun

Shady Traces Become Clearer

Cases of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique's offer of a great sum of money not only to their American masters but also to Japanese reactionaries in the form of bribery are being brought to full light one after another.

As already reported, Donald Renard, former chief of the south Korean section of the US State Department, who exposed sometime ago the south Korean puppet clique's bribery scandals vis-a-vis the Japanese Diet members of the Liberal Democratic Party, has recently gone into another details of the payoffs and the shady compact between the south Korean puppets and Japanese reactionaries.

In his press interview with Japanese reporters Renard revealed that the amount of money the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique squandered for graft in Japan was "larger" than 500,000-1,000,000 dollars they spent every year in their bribery scandals in the United States and that the money was offered to Diet members of the Japan Liberal Democratic Party in the form of the "canvassing funds".

He reiterated that this truth is based on the informations furnished by US embassies in south Korea and Japan, the records are now kept in the US State Department, and specified in the records are bribees—Liberal Democratic Dietmen including Kishi and Tanaka, former prime ministers of Japan—and the amount of money they have received as gift.

As already disclosed, the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique have long since paid a lot of bribes to the US ruling circles and the Japanese reactionaries, asking for their protection.

Here are some instances: in February 1965 they presented Shiina, the then Japanese foreign minister, with one million dollars for early conclusion of the treacherous "ROK-Japan talks"; Tanaka, the then Japanese prime minister, with 300 million yen or one million dollars for the "political settlement" of the Kim Dae Jung (a south Korean democrat) abduction case; Nakasone, former Japanese minister of international trade and industry, with over 100,000 dollars for prompt "passage" in the Diet of the "treaty" that stipulated for the participation of Japanese monopolies in the "development" of the south Korean continental shelf and for the introduction of a greater sum of Japanese loan.

Such huge payoffs of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are chiefly intended to court the good graces of the bigwigs of the Japanese reactionaries and the "pro-south Korean groups" to get more "aid" from them and aimed to make the Japanese reactionaries actively join in their clamour against the withdrawal of the US troops from south Korea and in their "two Koreas" plot to judicially ratify the country's division and maintain their fascist dictatorship indefinitely.

As you see, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who are totally isolated from the south Korean people are able to subsist only hanging on to two strings—the "support" and "aid" of their US masters and Japanese reactionaries. But, nowadays, from America and Japan come strong voices condemning the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique's treachery and their policy of brutal suppression and demanding the reconsideration of the policy of "aid" to the puppet clique. In this situation the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique are trying to get out of the quandary they are in by the help of both masters, the US ruling circles and Japanese reactionaries, to whom they paid a great deal of bribes.

However, their vile bribery practices are evoking ever stronger hatred and condemnation at home and abroad and making the position of the puppets still more difficult.

Those who have accepted a huge amount of bribes from south Korea are ridiculous enough to try hard to cover up the truth, saying "It does not come to my memory at all," "There will be nothing of the kind" and so forth.

While pretending that they are "clean-fingered" they are at work to conceal their shady fusion with the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique. But it is of no use.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who have betrayed the country and the nation and are seeking only personal enjoyment fawning upon outside forces cannot escape the strong denunciation by the public opinion at home and abroad and a stern judgement by the people.

Li Jip

Doctor: Surely, you feel quite sick in the stomach

Cartoon by Son Chang Hak

Azanian People's Righteous Cause Will Emerge Victorious

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Where there are exploitation and oppression, there will always be revolutionary struggle on the part of the people."

The struggle of the people in the southern part of Africa gains further momentum as the racists intensify exploitation, plunder and fascist repression against them.

Through their centuries-long bitter slavery the Azanian people came to have a firm conviction that they can achieve the freedom, independence and liberation of the country and restore human dignity only through the struggle. Now, they are ceaselessly waging various forms of titanic struggle against colonialism and racism. In particular, last year strikes involving hundreds of thousands of workers and riots participated in by tens of thousands of students took place in Soweto and various other cities despite the horrible fascist repression of the white racists. These struggles were an explosion of their pent-up grudge and anger. Such large-scale dynamic struggles of the people that swept the whole of South Africa shook the cursed racist regime to its very foundation.

The Azanian people's struggle is not only a sacred struggle to carve out their destiny by themselves but also an important part of the cause of the complete liberation of Africa and the liberation of all mankind and it commands the extensive support from the world people as the days go by.

On the occasion of the "day of international solidarity with the people of Azania (South Africa)", February 7, the Korean people express full support to and militant solidarity with the Azanian people who rose in the righteous liberation struggle.

The imperialists are making crafty and desperate efforts to block the anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist and anti-racist struggle which is going on vigorously in South Africa and other southern areas of Africa and to prop up the crumbling foothold of their colonial rule.

This has been clearly proved by the fact that, making tour of various countries last year, Kissinger, a notorious plotter of US imperialism, played all sorts of nasty tricks to save the racist cliques from imminent doom and by the fact that the imperialists have further increased the military and economic support to the racists.

At the active instigation of the imperialists, the South African racist clique, while intensifying the bloody suppression of the people by force of arms, are staging even the political farce called "independence" of Transkei in a desperate bid to break the fighting spirit of the people for genuine self-determination and tide over their serious crisis.

However, as the racists strengthen the fascist terror rule and resort to more brutal atrocity of massacre, the revolutionary struggle of the Azanian people will become more intensified and the racist clique will get ever deeper into hot water.

The downfall of imperialism, colonialism and racism and the victory of the people's liberation struggle is an inexorable law of historical development.

With the active support and encouragement of the people of the whole world the Azanian people will surely achieve the country's liberation and freedom through their resolute struggle.

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